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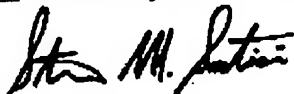
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SUBSTRATE CARRIER DOOR OPENING/CLOSING
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.17 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed June 16, 2006 in which a two-month period for response expired on August 16, 2006. After granting the Request for a three-month extension of time, the response period will expire on November 16, 2006.

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696 in the amount of \$1020.00 to cover the three-month extension fee.

No other fees are believed necessary, however if additional fees are required please charge deposit account No. 04-1696.

Respectfully submitted,



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